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COMMUNISTS CELEBRATE SOVIET ARMY ANNIVERSARY;
OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITIES

SPETSSENKO INVITES OFFICERS TO RECEPTION -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 45, 24 Feb 49

Army General S. M. Shtemenko, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces USSR, held a reception on 25 February in Moscow in honor of the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army and Navy. The guest list included A. A. Gromyko, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs USSR, Marshal of the Soviet Union K. A. Meretskov, Army Generals G. E. Malandin and M. V. Zakharov, Admirals F. S. Otkryash'kiy and A. G. Golovko, as well as foreign military, naval, and air attaches, and Soviet officials.

ROKOSHOVSKY IN WARSAW FOR FETE -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 44, 23 Feb 49

Marshal of the Soviet Union K. K. Rokossovsky arrived in Warsaw on 22 February at the invitation of the Polish Government in connection with the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army. He was met at the station by Minister Mijal, personal representative of the President; a representative of the Prime Minister; Wolski, Minister of Public Administration; Marshal Zymierski, Minister of National Defense; Generals Spychalski and Jaroszewicz, Vice-Ministers of National Defense; General Korczyze, Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Forces; General Poplawski, Commander of the Ground Forces; General Strazewski, Commander of the Warsaw Military District; Berman, Vice-Minister under the Council of Ministers; Swiatkowski, Minister of Justice and Chairman of the Polish-Soviet Friendship Society; Wronski, General Secretary of the Polish-Soviet Friendship Society; and other Polish representatives.

Lebedev, Soviet envoy to Poland; General Maslov, Soviet Military Attache to Poland; and Lt Col Redrich, Czech Military Attache to Poland, were also at the station to greet Rokossovskiy.

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POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA CELEBRATE -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 44, 23 Feb 49

Warsaw celebrated the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army at a grand meeting on 22 February. Those present included Boleslaw Bierut, President of the Polish Republic; Prime Minister Cyrankiewicz; Deputy Prime Minister Korzycki; Marshal Zymierski, Minister of National Defense; Modzelewski, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Generals Spychalski and Jaroszewicz; General Korzyz, Chief of the General Staff; Marshal of the Soviet Union K. K. Rokossovskiy, and his aides, Generals Litvinov, Kotov, and Pidorenko; Soviet Ambassador Lebedev, and General Maslov, Soviet Military Attache.

General Spychalski opened the meeting and described the great service rendered by the Soviet Army. Rokossovskiy and Korzyz also spoke.

In Prague, Czech Government officials and outstanding workers, the diplomatic corps, and officers of the Czech Army celebrated the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army on 22 February. Speakers included General Svoboda, Minister of National Defense, and Professor Nejedly, Minister of Schools.

Celebrations were also held in Bratislava, Brno, Gottwaldov, Moravska Ostrava, and other Czech cities.

FOREIGN COMMUNISTS CELEBRATE -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 45, 24 Feb 49

Meetings to commemorate the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army were held on 23 February in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Austria, Albania, the Mongolian People's Republic, etc., and were attended by government officials and foreign diplomats and attaches.

M. F. Bodrov, Soviet Ambassador to Bulgaria, attended the Sofia meeting, which was opened by a short speech by Vladimir Poptomov, General Secretary of the National Council of the Fatherland Front.

The Hungarian meeting in Budapest was attended by Soviet Ambassador G. M. Pushkin; Soviet Military Attache G. T. Zuyev; A. N. Shabanov, Minister of Health USSR; etc. Marosan, Deputy General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Workers' Party, spoke.

General-major Zhanchiv [?], Deputy Commander in Chief of Armed Forces of the Mongolian People's Republic, spoke at the meeting in Ulan Bator.

Kurasov, USSR Supreme Commissar (Verkhovnyy komissar) in Austria, gave a reception in Vienna which was attended by Austrian President Renner, and others.

Tokarev, Soviet Military Attache in Finland, entertained Finnish officials in Helsinki.

A bust of Stalin by the Albanian sculptor Lazar Nikola was unveiled in front of the building of the Society of Cultural Relations between Albania and the USSR in Tirana on 23 February. The ceremony was attended by General-major Mekhmet Cheu [?], secretary of the Albanian Labor Party; General-major Bekir Baluku, member of the Party Politburo and Chief of the General Staff of the Albanian Army; Nexhmie Hoxha and Manush Miftiu, vice-chairmen of the Society; members of the Government and Party Central Committee; USSR Ambassador D. Chuvakhin; Bulgarian Ambassador Stankulov; and Nicolo Jamo, Rumanian Charge d'Affaires. Miftiu spoke.

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BAKU TO MARK ARMY DAY -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 36, 20 Feb 49

Baku will mark the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army with an artillery salute. General-leytenant Markov will be in charge of organization and execution of the salute.

The order for the salute was signed by General-polkovnik Managarov, Garrison Commander of City of Baku, and Lt Col Mustafayev, Military Commandant of City of Baku.

LATVIAN SSR CELEBRATES ARMY DAY -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 44, 23 Feb 49

The Riga City Soviet of Workers' Deputies held a grand meeting together with representatives of Party and public organizations, and military garrison units, in honor of the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army.

The meeting was opened by Pupur, deputy chairman of the Executive Committee of the Riga City Soviet. The presidium included Kalnberzin, secretary of the TsK KP(b) Latvia; Latsis, chairman of the Soviet of Ministers Latvian SSR; Titov, secretary of the TsK KP(b) Latvia; August, deputy chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Latvian SSR; Army General Bagramyan, Commander of the Baltic Military District and Hero of the Soviet Union; Andrey Upit, people's author and laureate of Stalin Prize; Novikov, secretary of the Riga City Committee of the KP(b) Latvia; etc.

General-leytenant Vashkevich spoke.

MOLDAVIAN SSR CELEBRATES ARMY DAY -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 38, 23 Feb 49

A joint meeting was held on 22 February by the Kishinev City Soviet and Party and public organizations, as well as garrison representatives. The presidium included G. Ya. Rud', Chairman of the Soviet of Ministers Moldavian SSR; V. A. Ivanov, chairman of the Bureau of the TsK VKP(b) for Moldavia; F. G. Brovko, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Moldavian SSR; I. S. Zykov and M. M. Radul, secretaries of the TsK KP(b) Moldavia; V. S. Yefremov, deputy chairman of the bureau TsK VKP(b) for Moldavia; General-leytenant S. A. Kozak, twice Hero of the Soviet Union; and others.

The meeting was opened by D. I. Smirnov, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kishinev City Soviet. General-leytenant S. A. Kozak spoke on the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Armed Forces.

WARTIME MILITARY SUPPLY -- Rechnoy Transport, No 15, 22 Feb 49

During the war, Soviet industry delivered to the Red Army 775,600,000 mortar and artillery shells of all calibers. At the storming of Berlin, Soviet forces had from 400 to 600 artillery pieces and mortars for each kilometer of front. At the end of the war, the number of divisions was four times the peacetime number; toward the end of the war the Army was being supplied with artillery and airplanes at a rate five times greater than before the war, and tanks were being supplied at a rate 15 times the prewar rate.

TRANSBAIKAL MILITARY EDITORS MEET -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 45, 24 Feb 49

The political administration of the Transbaykal Military District conducted a 6-day meeting of unit newspaper editors. Participants heard lectures on Lenin and Stalin, the international situation, Soviet patriotism, military-political indoctrination, and the position of the biological sciences.

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SEVEN MILLION CITED DURING WAR -- Rechnoy Transport, No 15, 22 Feb 49

About 7 million front-line soldiers received orders and/or medals during the war from the Soviet Government. The title of Hero of the Soviet Union was bestowed on 11,423 soldiers, in which number 58 nationalities were represented.

OFFICERS IN THE NEWS -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 39, 17 Feb 49

Marshal of Artillery N. D. Yakovlev was awarded the Order of Lenin on the occasion of his 50th birthday and in token of his services to the State and to the Armed Forces of the USSR.

General-leytenant of the Engineer-Aviation Service A. N. Tupolev, chief designer of the aviation industry, was awarded the Order of Lenin on the occasion of his 60th birthday and the 40th year of his activity in aviation for his services in creating and developing Soviet aviation.

Both awards were made by N. M. Shvernink, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR.

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General-polkovnik Pukhov is the commander of a military district.

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